

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ADDIS 01227 151900Z

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W

-----123371 151901Z /46

O P 151802Z MAR 78

FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7682

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE IMMEDIATE

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY

USNIT HAVANA PRIORITY 072

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1227

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, PBOR, ET, SO, UNSC

SUBJ: MULTILATERAL ACTION ON THE HORN

REF: STATE 065221

1. MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR BERHANE DERESSE REACTED ENTIRELY NEGATIVELY TO MY BRIEFING MARCH 15 ON DESIRABLE ELEMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN OAU OR UNSC ACTION ON HORN OF AFRICA. HE SAID EPMG SEES NO NEED FOR SC SESSION, WHICH SIMPLY COULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE. THE WAR IS OVER. SIAD BARRE'S

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ADDIS 01227 151900Z

FORCES HAVE LEFT ETHIOPIA NOT BECAUSE OF DECISION TO WITHDRAW PER SE, BUT BECAUSE ETHIOPIAN FORCES HAVE PUSHED THEM OUT. THAT BEING SO, EPMG WOULD NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE SIAD BARRE TO ACHIEVE ANY OF HIS POLITICAL OBJECTIVES THROUGH OTHER MEANS. SIAD MUST RENOUNCE ALL CLAIMS TO ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY AND ACCEPT ALL INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES IN HORN REGION. OTHERWISE, THERE WOULD BE NO PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE.

2. BERHANE SAID EPMG PREFERRED TO WAIT UNTIL APRIL FOR OAU GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE MEETING IN LAGOS BECAUSE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS ARE TIED UP UNTIL THEN. EVEN THERE, EPMG WOULD BE NEGOTIATING NOT WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE OF HARARGHE ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF ETHIOPIA (OFFICIAL ETHIOPIAN DESIGNATION OF OGADEN), BUT ON MEANS OF REESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING PEACE IN HORN OF AFRICA. EPMG IS DISTURBED BY REPEATED SUGGESTIONS FROM OTHER QUARTERS THAT, SINCE SIAD BARRE TOOK DECISION TO WITHDRAW HIS FORCES, ETHIOPIA SHOULD MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS IN RETURN. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT US TAKE NOTE OF FACT THAT PERSUING SUCH ALLEGATIONS WOULD ONLY SERVE TO HARDEN ETHIOPIAN POSITION. THERE WILL BE NO CONCESSIONS.

3. ON HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, BERHANE SAID EPMG WOULD SOON BE MAKING DIRECT BILATERAL REQUESTS TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO REBUILD WAR-TORN REGION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT UN HAS HELPED ETHIOPIA IN PAST TO COMBAT DROUGHT IN TIGRE, BUT HE NOTED THAT SC WAS NOT INVOLVED THEN. HE STRESSED THAT TO DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS IN SC NOW WOULD ONLY GIVE SOMALIA FORUM TO PROPAGATE ITS POLITICAL IDEAS. FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, BERHANE SAID EPMG WAS OPPOSED TO TAKING UN ROUTE AT THIS TIME. AS AFTER THOUGHT, HE ADDED THAT WESTERN POWERS HAD FORFEITED THEIR RIGHT TO ACT NOW THAT WAR WAS OVER BY VIRTUE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 ADDIS 01227 151900Z

OF FACT THAT THEY LOOKED OTHER WAY AT TIME OF SOMALI INVASION.

4. BERHANE CONCLUDED WITH SEVERAL ADDITIONAL CAUTIONARY REMARKS. HE SAID THAT US WAS CAUSING CONCERN IN SOME ETHIOPIAN QUARTERS BY TAKING UP ONE AFTER THE OTHER SUCH SUGGESTIONS AS STATIONING OF INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS, RELATED MEANS OF MONITORING (WITHDRAWA), AND PRESSING TO TAKE NEGOTIATION EFFORTS OUT OF OAU HANDS AND DUMP THEM IN US. EPMG WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY THIRD COUNTRY OBSERVERS ON ITS TERRITORY. HE SAID ETHIOPIAN INTENTIONS NOT TO CROSS OVER INTO SOMALI TERRITORY WERE FIRM. AT SAME TIME, EPMG HAS NOT RENOUNCED RIGHT TO RETALIATE FORCEFULLY, SHOULD SOMALIS FOR ANY REASON LAUNCH RENEWED INCURSIONS INTO ETHIOPIA. ANY STATEMENTS SUGGESTING THAT FUTURE OF HARARGHE REGION BE MATTER FOR DISCUSSION IN EITHER OAU OR UN FORUM WOULD BE CONSIDERED UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE IN ETHIOPIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

5. BERHANE MADE ABOVE REMAKRS IN RELAXED TONE, BUT EVIDENTLY MEANT BUSINESS. I STRESSED THAT US CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT OAU WAS PROPER BODY IN FIRST INSTANCE TO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTION FOR HORN, BUT THAT OUR PRIMARY CONCERN WAS THAT URGENT ACTION BE TAKEN TO REESTABLISH PEACEFUL CONDITIONS AT

EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

MATHERON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978ADDIS01227
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780115-0757
Format: TEL
From: ADDIS ABABA
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780368/aaaacfq.tel
Line Count: 118
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: bafc6dc7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 78 STATE 65221
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3330625
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MULTILATERAL ACTION ON THE HORN
TAGS: PORG, PBOR, ET, SO, UNSC, OAU
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/bafc6dc7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014